

R.I. Labor Force Trends - April 2005

	Apr. 2005	Mar. 2005	Apr. 2004	% Change		Thru April		
				Mar. 05	Apr. 04	2005	2004	% Change
Labor Force and Unemployment (1,000s)								
<i>(Seasonally Adjusted)</i>								
R.I. Labor Force	567.7	564.0	563.3	0.7%	0.8%	563.1	562.7	0.1%
R.I. Employed	541.1	538.7	533.3	0.4%	1.5%	537.7	532.3	1.0%
R.I. Unemployed	26.7	25.4	30.0	5.1%	-11.0%	25.4	30.4	-16.4%
R.I. Unemployment Rate	4.7%	4.5%	5.3%	4.4%	-11.3%	4.5%	5.4%	-16.7%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	5.2%	5.2%	5.5%	0.0%	-5.5%	5.2%	5.6%	-7.1%
R.I. Insured Unemployment (as of week of the 12th)								
						Average thru week 19		
Avg. Insured Unemployed	16,068	16,436	17,134	-2.2%	-6.2%	15,529	16,561	-6.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate*	3.45%	3.53%	3.71%	-2.3%	-7.0%	3.34%	3.59%	-7.0%
Total Jobs at R.I. Businesses (1,000s)								
						Thru April		
						2005	2004	% Change
<i>(Seasonally Adjusted)</i>								
Establishment Employment (Total)	493.0	492.3	486.7	0.1%	1.3%	492.1	486.6	1.1%
Construction	21.1	21.0	20.7	0.5%	1.9%	21.0	21.0	0.2%
Manufacturing	55.1	55.9	57.0	-1.4%	-3.3%	56.0	57.0	-1.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	79.8	79.2	79.5	0.8%	0.4%	79.1	80.5	-1.7%
Financial Activities	35.2	35.3	34.1	-0.3%	3.2%	35.2	34.0	3.4%
Professional & Business Services	55.7	55.3	52.9	0.7%	5.3%	55.3	52.7	4.9%
Educational & Health Services	95.3	95.2	92.8	0.1%	2.7%	94.8	92.3	2.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	51.4	51.2	49.2	0.4%	4.5%	51.1	49.3	3.7%
Government	66.0	65.7	65.5	0.5%	0.8%	65.8	65.6	0.2%
Unemployment Insurance								
						Year to Date		
Initial Claims	6,723	5,543	7,059	21.3%	-4.8%	29,690	31,401	-5.4%
Number of Payments	51,366	67,517	54,347	-23.9%	-5.5%	256,371	268,182	-4.4%
Amount of Payments (gross millions)	\$16.8	\$22.7	\$17.1	-26.0%	-1.8%	\$85.1	\$84.7	0.5%
Exhaustions (Final Payments)	1,555	1,417	1,459	9.7%	6.6%	5,653	6,103	-7.4%
E.S. Fund Balance (millions)	\$130.5	\$137.2	\$149.6	-4.9%	-12.8%			
Temporary Disability Insurance								
						Year to Date		
Initial Claims	3,782	4,499	3,942	-15.9%	-4.1%	16,360	16,124	1.5%
Number of Payments	35,264	44,903	36,942	-21.5%	-4.5%	151,552	151,149	0.3%
Amount of Payments (gross millions)	\$12.4	\$15.7	\$12.5	-21.0%	-0.8%	\$53.1	\$51.1	3.9%
TDI Fund Balance (millions)	\$76.3	\$84.9	\$77.2	-10.1%	-1.2%			

R.I. Population Trends: The 2000 Census indicates that Rhode Island's population grew from 1,003,464 in 1990 to 1,048,319 in 2000, an increase of nearly 45,000 residents. The 4.5 percent growth rate is primarily due to foreign immigration.

Commuting Patterns: According to the 2000 Census, there were 32,371 more RI residents working out of state than non-residents working in RI. The number of RI residents commuting to a job in MA reached 56,138. The represents 11.4% of RI's employed residents and is up from 9.7% in 1990. The number of Rhode Islanders commuting to a job in CT was 11,315 or 2.3%, up from 1990's figure of 1.9%. In contrast, the number of MA residents working in RI was 31,506, while the number of CT residents commuting to a job in RI was 3,998.

* 13-week average expressed as a percentage of covered employment.

Note: Data for latest month are preliminary. Prior year reflects latest revision.

Source: R.I. Dept. of Labor and Training, Labor Market Information Unit.

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